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SUBJECT/ ATTENDANCE AT CONSULAR CONFERENCE

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1. POST REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONSULAR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NAIROBI SEPTEMBER 27-30, 1976, IS LINUS F. UPSON III (CONSULAR OFFICER).

2. REPATRIATIONS AND PROTECTION ARE THE PRIMARY CONSULAR PROBLEMS AT POST AND ONES WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES. REPATRIATION CASES FALL INTO TWO SEPARATE CATEGORIES. FIRST, THE RESIDENT BLACK AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN TANZANIA -- FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS -- IS DECREASING IN NUMBERS. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD HAVE APPROACHED POST FOR REPATRIATION ASSISTANCE IN LAST 18 MONTHS. ABOUT TEN HAVE RECEIVED LOANS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TREND WILL CONTINUE AT A REDUCED LEVEL FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT YEAR. SECOND, TOURISTS WHO HAVE ALL THEIR FUNDS STOLEN IN TANZANIA FIND THAT REPLACEMENT OF THEIR TRAVELLERS CHECKS AND/OR CABLE ORDERS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS CAN TAKE A LONG TIME (AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT ONE WEEK) AND IN THE MEANTIME THEY ARE DESTITUTE. (THERE ARE NO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS IN TANZANIA TO WHICH TRAVELLERS IN NEED CAN TURN.) THE POST CAN ARRANGE FOR A \$50 LOAN THROUGH DELEGATED AUTHORITY, AND WHICH UNTIL 1975 WOULD PAY THE COST OF A NEW PASSPORT, FOOD, AND TRAIN TICKETS TO NAIROBI, WHERE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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CAN PROVIDE RAPID ASSISTANCE. SINCE 1975, THE US\$50 AUTHORITY

IS INADEQUATE (RAIL AND BUS TRANSPORTATION TO KENYA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED, AND MOST TRAVELLERS MUST GO BY AIR). POST WONDERS IF INCREASED AUTHORITY COULD BE DELEGATED TO ALLOW SUDDENLY DESTITUTE TOURISTS TO TRAVEL TO THE NEAREST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH CAN PROVIDE SERVICE, I.E., NAIROBI.

3. PROTECTION PROBLEMS REVOLVE AROUND THE DETENTION AND HARRASSMENT OF AMCITS BY TANZANIAN OFFICIALS AND THE PROBLEMS OF DEALING WITH A HOSTILE, UNCOOPERATIVE (NOT TO SAY, UNCOORDINATED) POLICE AND POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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